



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-3897, Agenda Item #: 26.

2/29/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for rental of industrial equipment with United Rentals (North America), Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.

[Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods and services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$900,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget for Austin Energy.

Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods and services. The Financial Services Department and Austin Energy have determined this contractor best meets the needs of Austin Energy to provide these goods and services required for the City.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

February 12, 2024 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 7-0-1-3 with Commissioner White abstaining and three vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide Austin Energy with the rental of industrial equipment for power plant and district cooling facilities. This equipment is necessary to ensure continuity for Austin Energy's mission-critical functions and functions that minimize service disruptions to customers in the event of equipment failures. The contractor will provide equipment such as air compressors, electric generators, and chillers, in addition to mobilization and demobilization services.

Sourcwell is a cooperative purchasing association recognized under Texas procurement statutes.

Cooperative associations, themselves or using a lead government, competitively solicit and award contracts that are eligible for use by other qualified state and local governments. Due to their substantial volumes, larger than any one government could achieve independently, cooperative contracts routinely include superior terms, conditions, and pricing. Use of cooperative contracts also results in lower administrative costs and time savings.